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Registration of Charities

THE Charities Act, 1960, introduced compulsory registration of charities, subject to exceptions, but so far only those charities which came into existence since 1st January last have been required to register. The first registration order under s. 4 (10) of the 1960 Act has now been made and from 22nd June next charities whose work is carried on for the benefit wholly or mainly of any part of Bedfordshire or Surrey, including Croydon, will be registrable (The Charities (Registration) (Commencement No. 1) Order, 1961 (S.I. 1961 No. 987)). A charity within those areas need not register, however, if its inmates are drawn from the country at large, e.g., a charity running a home or school. Section 4 of the 1960 Act specifies other charities exempted from registration including one having neither any permanent endowment nor any income from property amounting to more than £15 a year, nor the use and occupation of any land, and no charity is required to be registered in respect of any registered place of worship. Excepted charities may apply voluntarily to be registered. The advantages of registration include enjoying the conclusive presumption of having the legal status of a charity which should facilitate obtaining relief from income tax, and from rates to the extent provided in the Rating and Valuation Bill when that is in force. The persons having the management of any charity to which the order applies should now apply to the Secretary, the Charity Commission, 14 Ryder Street, London, S.W.1, or to the Secretary, Ministry of Education (Legal Branch), Curzon Street House, Curzon Street, London, W.1, for the registration of their charity. The Ministry of Education is concerned with charities which have educational and kindred objects. The charity should write to the department to which they usually apply for advice about their affairs; but if they are in doubt they may write to either, and their inquiry will be dealt with by the appropriate one. The Charities (Exception of Religious Charities from Registration) Regulations, 1961 (S.I. 1961 No. 986), also operative on 22nd June, except religious charities, including those for the relief of ministers and former ministers of religion and their families, from the duty to register under the 1960 Act until 1st January, 1963.

Lawyers in Industry

AN interesting review of the role of the lawyer in industry is included in *The Times Review of Industry* published on Wednesday. The article by Mr. DAVID ROWE is based on the results of analysing answers received from 138 companies to a questionnaire sent to 184 companies in this country most of which had assets of or over £10m. in 1957.

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It is estimated that between 1950 and 1960 the number of lawyers employed in the legal and secretaries' departments of public companies in manufacturing and distribution nearly doubled to between 350 and 400. Of these, over two-thirds are solicitors and under one-third barristers. In the same period amongst the companies sending replies the number with legal departments has increased by over a quarter, from thirty-nine to forty-nine, with qualified lawyers employed rising from eighty-five to 163. The types of work with which lawyers in industry are concerned vary but an outstanding speciality is process licensing in connection with trading in companies' research activities. This, in part, may explain why such newer industries as the chemical, petroleum and electrical engineering ones employ a much higher number of lawyers than other industries, the metal manufacturing, general engineering and shipbuilding industries in particular apparently employing few lawyers. Company law and drafting of commercial contracts were other activities widely undertaken. Many companies, the article states, find that the training and background of a lawyer make him especially useful outside the law as such. Some companies use their legal departments as training grounds for management. This policy appears to be justified by the results of the survey showing that the chairmen of three of the forty-nine companies with legal departments and the deputy chairman of a fourth are ex-heads of legal departments; and in at least five other companies either the present head or a previous head sits on the main board. An interesting trend is revealed in that the increase in the numbers of lawyers in industry rose much more sharply in the five years following 1955 than between 1950 and 1955. This trend may well continue in view of what industry can offer professionally qualified recruits in the way of salary and other facilities. If it does, the difficulties already facing private practitioners in obtaining trained staff are likely to be intensified.

Perpetuity and Uncertainty

UNDER the perpetuity rule, the vesting of real or personal property may not be postponed for a period longer than a life or lives in being, or for twenty-one years after the cesser of such life. However, even if a trust appears to satisfy these conditions, it may still be void on the ground of uncertainty. Thus, in *Re Moore, Prior v. Moore* [1901] 1 Ch. 936, a testator bequeathed New Consols to trustees "for the longest period allowed by law, that is to say, until the period of twenty-one years from the death of the last survivor of all persons who shall be living at my death," and it was held that the gift was void for uncertainty as it would be impracticable if not impossible to discover when the selected lives ended. The same point has been taken in several cases where the selected lives were the descendants of Queen Victoria and in *Re Villar, Public Trustee v. Villar* [1929] 1 Ch. 243, a testator, who died in 1926, gave property to trustees upon certain trusts under which the capital was not to vest until the expiration of "the period ending at the expiration of twenty years from the day of the death of the last survivor of all the lineal descendants of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria who shall be living at the time of my death." The Court of Appeal recognised that it might be extremely difficult and expensive in the future to ascertain the date of the survivor's death, but their lordships decided that the trust was valid. On almost exactly similar facts, Morton, J., reached the same conclusion in *Re Leverhulme, Cooper v. Leverhulme* (1943), 169 L.T. 294, but his lordship uttered a

note of warning when he said that, while the clause in question could still be validly employed in the case of a testator dying in 1925, he would not "encourage anyone to use the formula in the case of a testator who dies in 1943 or at any later date." However, it seems that his lordship's fears were without foundation. In *Re Warren's Will Trusts*, which we report this week (p. 511), a will made in 1936 by a testatrix who died in 1944 postponed vesting of the capital and income of her residuary estate until the expiration of twenty years after the death of the survivor of the issue living at her death of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria. CROSS J., held that the trust was not void for uncertainty as, in the light of an affidavit sworn by an expert in royal genealogical matters, "it was impossible for him to say that an inquiry to ascertain issue [of Queen Victoria] living in 1944 would be abortive."

Tortious Liability of Parents

ALTHOUGH a parent is not normally liable for the torts of his child, he may be so liable if the child's tort can be attributed to the parent's negligent control of the child in respect of the act that caused the injury. This principle has been applied in several cases arising out of the possession of guns by children and in one of the more recent of them, *Newton v. Edgerley* [1959] 1 W.L.R. 1031, LORD PARKER, C.J., said that he believed "that in the exercise of reasonable care the defendant either ought to have prevented his son from having the gun at all or, if he had the gun, . . . he should have given him very careful instructions as to the use of the weapon if others were present." *Martin v. Bartlett* (1961), *unreported*, a recent decision of the High Court was a rather different case. The defendant's twelve-year-old son intended to frighten two boys who were hiding in a lavatory by firing a cartridge outside the door. He fired the gun and accidentally shot one of the boys in the stomach. This boy, the plaintiff, recovered damages from the defendant because, in the view of SLADE, J., the defendant had been negligent in leaving the assembled shotgun and live ammunition where they were accessible to his children or in allowing them to be left in such positions. There does not appear to have been any suggestion that the defendant was negligent in allowing his son to have and retain the gun (cf. *Newton v. Edgerley*, *supra* and *Bebbee v. Sales* (1916), 32 T.L.R. 413) but he was guilty of negligence in allowing his son to have access to it (cf. *Dixon v. Bell* (1816), 5 M. & S. 198).

Report on Companies

THE Companies General Annual Report for 1960 (H.M.S.O., 1s. 3d.) shows that the year by year increase in the number of new companies registered in Great Britain in recent years continued in 1960. The figure of 34,312 new companies registered in that year is the highest in any year since records were first started in 1862 and is nearly 20 per cent. more than in the preceding year and approximately three times the number registered in 1950. The new companies were nearly all private companies. The total number of companies on the registers now exceeds 390,000 of which some 375,000 are private companies. The total paid up capital of companies with a share capital was some £7,385m. at the end of the year of which some £2,660m. was private company capital. During the year 8,786 companies were dissolved or struck off the registers, and winding-up proceedings were begun in 4,506 cases of which 535 were compulsory liquidations.

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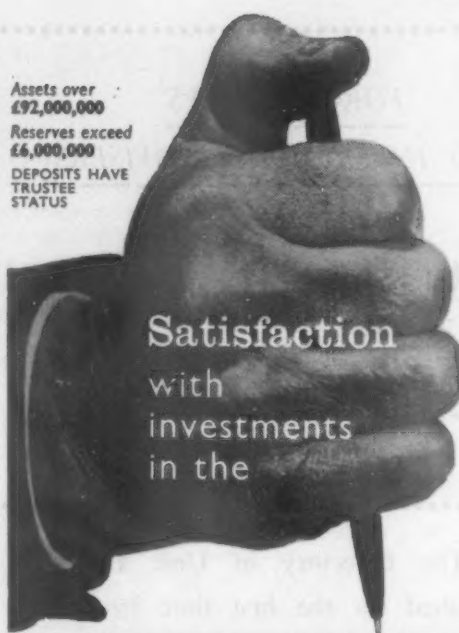


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THE NATIONAL CONDITIONS OF SALE

EDITIONS 1 TO 17 AND BEYOND

THE thought that the National Conditions of Sale are already in their seventeenth edition prompts the question of what are the main forces of change which bear upon them. Seventeen changes of edition in all, and six or so since 1925, seem quite a lot of changes in a context of conveyancing, which is traditionally conservative.

On the need for new editions from time to time opinions seem to differ widely. For example, whenever the bank rate is changed, somebody wants to know whether the National Conditions of Sale are going to rush into a new edition to cope with the situation. At the other end of the scale is the correspondent who, whenever a new edition does appear, having detected some change made in a familiar condition, promptly writes to say that he himself intends to continue with the old one. In between the two extremes is to be found the main body of stalwart practitioners, who tread the familiar paths of practical conveyancing firmly, and often with but light regard to what the National Conditions of Sale have actually said, either in their current edition or in previous editions, but who nevertheless turn to them in moments of difficulty, in the expectation of discovering that the draftsman has happened to foresee some crisis, which in a particular case they have omitted to foresee themselves. Such men are those for whom the successive editions of the National Conditions of Sale are in truth designed.

It is seldom that any single influence is sufficient by itself to occasion a new edition. An exception was perhaps the fourteenth edition, which, issued in May, 1948, survived only till November of the same year. At a time when in some quarters the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947, was being heralded, unwarrantably, as a conveyancing revolution, the fourteenth edition of the National Conditions of Sale dismissed it too curtly with: "The purchaser shall also be deemed to buy with full notice in all respects of the existing use of the property for the purposes of the enactments relating to Town and Country Planning." So November, 1948, brought the fifteenth. Generally, however, it takes a combination or build-up of things to cause a new edition to be prepared.

The influencing factors can be put under various headings.

Statutory changes and developments in the law

The 1925 property legislation was, of course, an example of this in a large way. But in the more normal way of things what are envisaged here are the Town and Country Planning Acts, the various Landlord and Tenant Acts, the Rent Act, 1957, even the Costs of Leases Act, 1958, and other Acts which are such as to make conveyancing practitioners say to themselves: "I wonder if the National Conditions of Sale are looking after this for me?"

Decisions of the courts, bearing upon the conditions themselves or upon conveyancing generally

In this category come cases like *Butler v. Mountview Estates, Ltd.* [1951] 2 K.B. 563 (concerning the effect of the statutory covenants for title in relation to the state of repair of leasehold property sold), *Smith v. Hamilton* [1951] Ch. 174 (concerning the perennial difficulty of time and the essence of the contract), and *Re Barr's Contract* [1956] Ch. 551 (on the same general topic, but actually on condition 23 (1) of the sixteenth edition of the National Conditions of Sale

themselves). The next case in this category, for better or for worse, is likely to be a case on condition 22 in the present (seventeenth) edition.

Changes in the "temperature of the water"

Particularly since the Second World War, market conditions have borne upon the law and practice of conveyancing in changing ways and sometimes in exactly opposite senses at different times during the life of a single edition of the National Conditions of Sale.

Thus, for example:—

(a) At one time there were purchasers eager to get in and have somewhere to lay their heads, but title yet to be deduced, mortgagee's solicitors yet to be satisfied and so on. This gave rise to conditions for "occupation pending completion," such as would never have found favour in former times and such as is still condition 7 in the seventeenth edition. It also produced the problem of the purchaser who got in and then would not complete.

(b) At another time there were purchasers still eager to get in, and with plenty of ready money besides, but vendors unwilling to move out till they could themselves get into their next intended abode. This produced a demand for conditions which were more pro-purchaser, and the National Conditions, which had till then generally been regarded as rather pro-vendor, responded to the demand. The high-water mark of this response was the phrase "a vendor retaining or withholding possession . . . shall be charged the equivalent of a fair rent" in condition 5 (ii) of the sixteenth edition.

(c) Later on into the realms of "credit squeeze," with vendors eager to get out and see their money, but purchasers hard put to it to find mortgagees and unable to hurry them up, even if they could find them. By this time the role of the mortgagee (institutional or otherwise) not only in financing the purchaser, but also in thereby sustaining the rising prices which vendors expected to obtain, had been widely recognised. It was no longer thought realistic either to preclude a man from making a purchase which he himself had not the means to fulfil, or to expect him to arrange his finance in advance. "Purchases without tears," and even "mortgages without tears," had become the order of the day. So there is now condition 9, a let-out condition for the purchaser who needs a mortgage. Such a condition was much in demand before it was put into the seventeenth edition, but the signs are that it has been little used since. Of course vendors do not like it: they could not be expected to like it. However, if little used as a condition, it may nevertheless have achieved the purpose, of causing both vendor and purchaser to think of the mortgagee's place in the scheme of things.

Points arising

Of practical matters which have arisen over the years, examples are:—

(i) The problem of making searches before contract, particularly in relation to sales by auction. This produced condition 13, another condition which, though widely sought after when it was framed, is probably little used as a condition at the present time. Nevertheless, it has to

be thought about, so it too serves the purpose of directing attention to the problem out of which it arose.

(ii) The matter of information to support a maintenance claim. Rather surprisingly this was in demand at the time of the fifteenth edition (see condition 20 thereof), was objected to in some quarters at the time of the sixteenth edition (the relevant condition being omitted on that occasion) and is now restored to its place in condition 20 of the seventeenth.

(iii) The rather special incident of the death of the vendor pending completion, so as to expose his personal representatives to a statutory obligation to redeem land tax. This gave rise to the present condition 14 (4).

Changing techniques of property dealing

Finally, there is all the present-day business of development—flats, maisonettes, horizontal homes, houselets and

what you will—commonly disposed of by way of leases at substantial premiums and "ground" rents that are not always very near the ground, either in quantum or in source. This is in effect a modern way of "selling" property and as such it was recognised and provided for by the National Conditions in their latest edition.

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So, when all is said and done, there is much that changes, and comes and goes, in the seemingly conservative conveyancing world of vendors and purchasers; and it is not at all unfitting that the background music—the printed conditions of sale for general use—should be adapted from time to time to accommodate itself to the moods, to the needs and to the tribulations of the vendors and the purchasers as they pass by on their several ways. On current form the National Conditions of Sale may be expected to have their twenty-first about 1980.

JOHN MILLS.

THE PASSIVE ACTOR

It seems that, as a result of ss. 397 to 403 of the Income Tax Act, 1952, there is now no way in which a father can use what was formerly his income to bring up his children, without that income being treated for tax purposes as though it were still his own. This was strikingly illustrated by the Court of Appeal decision in *Crossland v. Hawkins*, p. 424, *ante*, where the taxpayer failed in spite of a finding of fact by the General Commissioners which went about as far in his favour as it would be possible to imagine.

Dramatis personae

The facts were that a company with a £100 capital had been formed with the object of exploiting the services of Mr. Jack Hawkins, who entered into an agreement making his services available to the company in return for a salary of £50 per week. A few months later the grandfather of Mr. Hawkins' children settled on them a sum of £100 of his own money, and the trustees of the settlement decided to invest £98 of the funds at their disposal in taking up the whole of the capital of the company, apart from two subscribers' shares. Mr. Hawkins then did some acting with such good effect that in the year in question £25,000 flowed into the coffers of the company.

Having met its modest commitments under the service agreement, the company, of which Mr. Hawkins was a director but not a shareholder, declared a dividend which was paid to the trustees and applied by them for the benefit of the children. The dividend had suffered deduction of tax at source in the usual way, and Mr. Hawkins as guardian of the children applied on their behalf for repayment, a claim which the Inspector promptly rejected on the ground that the income was deemed to be that of Mr. Hawkins himself because he was a "settlor" under s. 397 and the income had been paid for the benefit of his infant children.

When the case came before the General Commissioners a most extraordinary state of affairs emerged. It appeared that the people responsible for the steps taken were the solicitors and accountants, and Mr. Hawkins had not been consulted at all about what was going on. As a result the Commissioners found that there was no such "arrangement" as would, under the definition of "settlement" in s. 403, constitute Mr. Hawkins a settlor for the purposes of s. 397.

Armed with this favourable finding of fact, Mr. Hawkins successfully survived an appeal to the Chancery Division, where Danckwerts, J., decided that he was not entitled to disturb the conclusion of the Commissioners in view of their findings, which negated participation by Mr. Hawkins in the scheme as a whole.

Act III

This was the high-water mark of the taxpayer's success, and in the Court of Appeal the tide ebbed. The court did not consider itself bound by the finding of no "arrangement," which Donovan, L.J., described as at the very least a mixed question of fact and law, and in any event one that could not be regarded as reasonable. It was not necessary for the Revenue to prove that the whole of the "arrangement" was in contemplation at the outset, and here there was sufficient unity about the steps taken to bring them within the definition of a settlement for the purpose of the sections, with the result that Mr. Hawkins must be held to have indirectly provided the funds out of which the dividend was paid.

Pearce, L.J., also made it clear that a man cannot avoid the operation of s. 397 "by merely giving his solicitors *carte blanche* to effect some scheme for the benefit of his family and refusing to concern himself with its precise form." Solicitors should welcome this statement, which will help to protect us from clients anxious for action but reluctant to instruct.

Leave was given to appeal to the House of Lords, but even if the appeal is successful we should not encourage our clients to think that the way lies open to avoidance of s. 397. It is inconceivable that anyone else in similar circumstances would be treated so generously by the Commissioners, because while one man may stumble on the truth those who come after usually reach it by design.

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THE VALIDITY OF CONDITIONS ON PLANNING PERMISSIONS—I

MANY thousands or hundreds of thousands of conditions are imposed every year on planning permissions granted by local planning authorities. Any reader may, therefore, well find himself faced one day with having to advise whether such a condition is valid or not. The rules for deciding whether a condition is *ultra vires* or void for uncertainty have been laid down by the courts in *Fawcett Properties, Ltd. v. Buckingham County Council*. This came before Roxburgh, J., at first instance [1958] 3 All E.R. 521, and subsequently travelled through the Court of Appeal [1959] Ch. 543, to the House of Lords [1960] 3 W.L.R. 831. It may be helpful to the reader, first, to set out the rules which he should apply in advising, secondly, to see how those rules worked in this particular case and, thirdly, to conclude with some miscellaneous observations.

Rules to determine whether condition is *ultra vires*

For the most part these rules are formulated basically in the words of judgments or opinions delivered in the Court of Appeal or House of Lords and the page references in the appropriate reports referred to above are given. Most of the rules are set out in one form or another in more than one, if not in all, of the judgments and opinions delivered; the particular words used here have been chosen as expressing the rules most shortly and clearly. It may be said at the outset that the task of upsetting a condition is a heavy one.

The following are the rules to be applied in deciding whether an exercise of the local planning authority's discretion to grant permission "subject to such conditions as they think fit" is *ultra vires* or not:—

(1) The case of *Associated Provincial Picture Houses, Ltd. v. Wednesbury Borough Council* [1948] 1 K.B. 223, makes it clear that the court will not interfere with the discretion unless it is shown that the authority did not take into account the right considerations, that is, that they disregarded something which they should have taken into account or regarded something which they should not have taken into account (Pearce, L.J., p. 575).

(2) The right considerations are those set out in s. 14 (1) of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947, and, where no development plan was operative at the date the condition was imposed, in s. 36 of that Act, as elaborated in r. (6), below.

(3) The onus of proving that the authority did not take into account the right considerations rests on the person seeking to upset the condition (Pearce, L.J., p. 575).

(4) That onus may be discharged either by showing from the terms of the condition itself that the authority cannot have taken into account the right considerations or by extrinsic evidence to that effect (Pearce, L.J., p. 575).

(5) In the first alternative in r. (4) it must be shown that no reasonable planning authority, acting within the four corners of their authority, could have decided to impose the condition (Lord Cohen, p. 836) or, in other words, it must be shown that the terms of the condition, upon the face of them, are demonstrably unrelated to the right considerations so that the result is the same as if the authority had never had these considerations really or

properly in mind at all. It is not enough to show that the terms of the condition, while capable of subserving these considerations, do so inefficiently (Lord Evershed, M.R., p. 563).

(6) The condition will be shown to be demonstrably unrelated to the right considerations and therefore invalid if it, in the words of Lord Denning in *Pyx Granite Co., Ltd. v. Ministry of Housing and Local Government* [1958] 1 Q.B. 554 at p. 572, and in the *Fawcett* case (p. 851), does not "fairly and reasonably relate to the permitted development," or in the words of Roxburgh, J. (p. 527) is not one "fairly and reasonably relating to any local planning considerations," or in the words of Lord Evershed, M.R., is not fairly and reasonably related to "the planning scheme and proposals of the council" (pp. 559 and 560).

(7) It is within the power of the authority to impose a condition related to the class of persons who may use or occupy a building as distinct from a condition related to the use of the building.

Rule to determine whether condition void for uncertainty

The following is the rule to be applied to decide whether a condition is void for uncertainty:—

A planning condition is only void for uncertainty if it can be given no meaning or no sensible or ascertainable meaning and not merely because it is ambiguous or leads to absurd results. It is the daily task of the courts to resolve ambiguities of language and to choose between them; and to construe words so as to avoid absurdities or to put up with them. And this applies to conditions in planning permissions as well as to other documents (Lord Denning, pp. 850 and 851).

The statutory considerations

Before turning to the details of the *Fawcett* case it will be well to have a brief look at s. 14 (1) and s. 36 of the 1947 Act which specify the right considerations. Section 14 (1) provides that—

"... where application is made to the local planning authority for permission to develop land, that authority may grant permission either unconditionally or subject to such conditions as they think fit, or may refuse permission: and in dealing with any such application the local planning authority shall have regard to the provisions of the development plan, so far as material thereto, and to any other material considerations."

Where a development plan has not come into operation the authority must, instead of having regard to the plan, have regard—

"to any directions which may be given to them by the Minister as to the provisions to be included in such a plan, and subject to any such directions shall have regard to the provisions which in their opinion will be required to be so included for securing the proper planning of the said area."

The facts of the *Fawcett* case

In the *Fawcett* case a planning permission was granted in 1952 to a predecessor in title of the company for the erection of two farm worker's cottages at Chalfont St. Giles subject to a condition in the following terms:—

"The occupation of the houses shall be limited to persons whose employment or latest employment is or was employment

in agriculture as defined by s. 119 (1) of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947, or in forestry or in an industry mainly dependent upon agriculture and including also the dependants of such persons as aforesaid."

By art. 5 (2) of the Town and Country Planning General Development Order, 1950, a local planning authority who grant a permission subject to conditions must state their reasons in writing for imposing the conditions. The permission for the two cottages duly gave them as follows:—

"The reasons for imposing the said conditions are because the council would not be prepared to permit the erection of dwelling-houses on this site unconnected with the use of the adjoining land for agriculture or similar purposes."

In 1952 no development plan was in operation in the County of Buckingham, but the county council had prepared in 1950 an outline development plan, which was a draft expressly enunciating "the fundamental matters which must be considered in forming the framework of the statutory plan." The outline plan provided for the Chalfont St. Giles area to be part of the Metropolitan Green Belt to "be preserved against building development so as to form a barrier against the further outward spread of London." It was clearly to this outline plan and to any other material considerations that the county council were required by ss. 36 and 14 (1) of the 1947 Act to have regard in determining the application for planning permission to erect the cottages.

The two cottages were initially occupied by agricultural workers, but later the company, after having acquired them with notice of the condition, which was registered as a local land charge, sought from the courts a declaration that the condition was *ultra vires* the county council, or that it was void for uncertainty, or that the condition was no longer effective having been applicable only to the first occupants.

Criticisms of the *Fawcett* condition

The grounds on which the condition was attacked were summarised by Lord Cohen in the following words:—

"The appellants impugn the validity of the condition on four grounds. They say: (A) That the imposition of a condition restricting the user of premises according to the personal circumstances of the persons using them is *ultra vires* the respondents. (B) That the condition now under consideration is *ultra vires* in that it is so wide that in the result it cannot fairly and reasonably be said to relate to the permitted development or to any policy possible under the Act of 1947. (C) That the condition is void for uncertainty; and (D) That in any event the condition has been fulfilled and its force is now spent."

The last ground arose from the initial occupation of the cottages by agricultural workers.

Roxburgh, J., at first instance rejected ground (A) but accepted (B). He expressed no opinion on (C) and (D). Neither the Court of Appeal nor any of the Lords of Appeal had any great difficulty in rejecting (A), (B) and (D), and it was on ground (C) that most difficulty arose; but in the result the Court of Appeal unanimously, and four out of five of the Lords of Appeal (Lord Morton of Henryton dissenting) were of the opinion, though not without hesitation, that the condition was not void for uncertainty (ground (C)).

No more need be said about grounds (A) and (D), but it is interesting to see the basis of attack under (B) and (C). This was mainly that the condition, as distinct from the reason, contained no limitation to the adjoining district and that the phrase "or industry mainly dependent upon agriculture" covered a vague and extremely wide class of enterprise. Thus a cottage could be occupied by an ex-employee of a sheep farm in New South Wales or a retired fur trapper from Canada

or the servant of a canning factory in a neighbouring county or by persons engaged in the textile, leather or fur industries, so that a tailor, bootmaker or furrier from London would be eligible. Such occupations could not be legitimately related to the council's green belt policy and the condition should, therefore, be declared *ultra vires*. The attack on the uncertainty issue to some extent overlapped that on the *ultra vires* issue. Did the condition mean that no one was to live in the cottage unless he came within the condition or was it sufficient that the rateable occupier was within the condition so that he could take in lodgers not within it? What was to happen if the occupier changed his employment from agriculture? What if a person divided his time equally between agriculture and some other occupation? What was meant by an industry mainly dependent on agriculture? Did it mean an industry dependent on the products of agriculture, as jam making, or an industry dependent on agriculture for its customers, as fertiliser manufacturing? Where does dependence cease? If a miller depended on agriculture, did a baker also? What did "mainly" mean?

The result

In the result it was held that, although, as was admitted by the council, absurd and anomalous situations might arise, it was highly probable that in practice the effect of the condition would be that the cottages would be tenanted by agricultural workers in the neighbourhood and that the condition was, therefore, related to the council's planning policy and *intra vires* the council. As to uncertainty, it was held that the condition was not incapable of sensible meaning and that it was for the courts to construe it in relation to any particular situation which might arise. The fact that much of the wording of the condition, especially that most strenuously criticised, was of statutory origin of long standing, having appeared first in s. 34 (2) of the Housing Act, 1930, and been subsequently re-enacted in s. 115 (2) of the Housing Act, 1936, weighed very strongly in favour of holding that it was not incapable of sensible meaning.

It is of interest in passing to note that both Lord Denning (p. 852) and Lord Jenkins (p. 862) were of opinion that in construing the condition it must be read as limited to local agriculture, or local industry mainly dependent on agriculture, and Lord Keith of Avonholm (p. 845) was disposed to take a similar view.

Construing a permission

In considering problems of this nature it should be borne in mind that in *Crisp from the Fens, Ltd. v. Rutland County Council* (1950), 48 L.G.R. 210, it was held in the Court of Appeal that a permission must be looked at as a whole, thereby enabling the reasons quoted for imposing the conditions to be considered for the purpose of construing the conditions, and that the *contra proferentem* rule did not apply. Further, in *Creighton Estates, Ltd. v. London County Council* (1958), *The Times*, 20th March, Danckwerts, J., held that, where the terms of a permission were ambiguous, he was entitled in construing it to refer to letters of application, which appear not to have been mentioned in the permission.

A suggested agricultural occupancy condition

Though the condition in the *Fawcett* case has been held to be valid by the highest court in the land, there were a number of expressions of opinion in the Court of Appeal and the House of Lords that its form should not be adopted for the future. The difficulty which faces the draftsman in producing a perfect form of condition to achieve the intended object is

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to reconcile brevity and certainty with reasonable liberality. The more restrictive the form of condition the more certain. Thus, had the *Fawcett* condition been limited to a person employed in agriculture on the adjoining land specified by reference to a plan or ordnance enclosure numbers, certainty would have been achieved.

The writer puts forward, though with some trepidation, the following form:—

The house shall not be occupied except by a person whose employment or, if unemployed or retired from employment, latest employment is or was employment within [miles of the house] [the area shown as green belt in the county development plan as now in operation] in agriculture as defined by s. 119 (1) of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947, or forestry, including [any persons] [any relatives of such person] residing with him or her, [or, in the event of the death of such first-mentioned person

being a married man, by his widow including any [persons] [relatives] residing with her].

Risk of permission being invalid

Any reader who, after full consideration, is about to advise his client that a condition is invalid would do well to bear in mind the expression of opinion by Hodson, L.J. (not concurred in by other members of that court) in the Court of Appeal in the *Pyx Granite* case that it is not possible for the court to mutilate a planning permission by removing one or more conditions; the permission must stand or fall as a whole. The correctness of this view has not yet had to be decided by a court, so the risk remains. If the development was carried out more than four years previously, no enforcement notice can be served should the permission as a whole fall, but, if within this period, the client may be liable to enforcement proceedings if the permission falls.

(To be concluded)

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"THE DARK IS LIGHT ENOUGH"

SOME decisions are viewed with suspicion by practitioners despite the praises of text-book writers and academic lawyers, and nothing but time renders them respectable. One such decision is that of *Dann v. Hamilton* [1939] 1 K.B. 509.

It will be remembered that in this case the plaintiff sued the personal representatives of a driver for personal injuries that she sustained in an accident caused by the driver's negligence while she was travelling as a passenger in his car. The driver himself was killed. After visits on the evening of the accident to "unidentified public houses in London," the driver quite early on had been "somewhere in the limbo which divides complete sobriety from mild intoxication," and later on had deteriorated into a state of "noisy intoxication." Nevertheless, the plaintiff consented to travel as a passenger in his car. The first part of the journey was to take another friend to a place near to his home, and it would appear from the evidence that this first trip was sufficiently exciting to have deterred most people from continuing the experience further. The plaintiff, however, did continue and the accident occurred. The defendant pleaded that the defence of *volenti non fit injuria* applied. Contributory negligence, for some reason or other, was not pleaded.

Asquith, J., held that the plaintiff was entitled to damages and that the defendant could not rely on *volenti*. The basis of the decision was that, although the plaintiff had been aware that the driver "had materially reduced his capacity for driving safely," she did not "impliedly consent to or absolve the driver from liability for any subsequent negligence on his part whereby she might suffer harm." The learned judge did not say that the defence was never available in cases of negligence, but only that the defence did not apply on the facts before him. He said (at p. 518): "There may be cases in which the drunkenness of the driver at the material time is so extreme and so glaring that to accept a lift from him is like engaging in an intrinsically and obviously dangerous occupation, intermeddling with an unexploded bomb, or walking on the edge of an unfenced cliff. It is not necessary to decide whether in such a case the maxim *volenti non fit injuria* would apply, for in the present case I find as a fact that the driver's degree of intoxication fell short of this degree."

Suspicion

Strictly *Dann's* case should have no precedent value at all. The decision turned solely on a question of fact. The decision obviously depended on the degree of intoxication of the driver, which must be a variable factor in each different case. Lawyers, however, with their mania for precedents, have treated the case as a legal authority. As a legal authority it can be quite rightly regarded with some suspicion. The attitude of most practitioners towards the case is well illustrated by the settlement reached in *Davies v. Jones*, briefly reported in *The Times*, 1st April, 1958. McNair, J., had found for the plaintiff in this case at first instance, apparently agreeing with the decision in *Dann's* case. The defendants appealed. Counsel for the plaintiff viewed *Dann's* case with such suspicion that he advised the plaintiff to accept lower damages than those awarded by McNair, J., in order to prevent the matter going before the critical eyes of the Court of Appeal, and the Court of Appeal was merely asked formally to vary the order for damages.

Across the seas, both in Canada and in South Africa, it has been established by high authority in cases very similar to *Dann's* case that the defence of *volenti* does apply in negligence cases (see *Miller v. Decker* (1957), 9 D.L.R. (2d) 1, and *Lampert v. Hefer* (1955), (2) (S.A.) 507).

Lord Denning, while in the Court of Appeal, in *Slater v. Clay Cross Company, Ltd.* [1956] 2 Q.B. 264, approved of Asquith, J.'s decision and said when referring to it (at p. 270): "In so far as he decided that the doctrine of *volenti* did not apply I think the decision was quite correct."

Undoubtedly the decision in *Dann's* case is correct on the facts before the judge, but the two questions of law which arose in that case were not answered. The first question is whether in such a case the plaintiff can be said to have been contributorily negligent and the second more difficult question is whether the defence of *volenti* can be used in negligence cases.

Contributory negligence

The recent decision of Stable, J., in *Dawrant v. Nutt* [1961] 1 W.L.R. 253; p. 129, *ante*, has shed some light on the first of these two problems without attempting to answer the second. Although the defendant in *Dann's* case did not

raise the question of the plaintiff's contributory negligence. Asquith, J., later wrote in an article in a legal journal that, in his opinion, contributory negligence could have been successfully pleaded, and most legal writers have agreed with this view.

In *Daurant's* case the plaintiff was riding as a pillion passenger on her husband's motor cycle combination. She knew, as did her husband, that, although it was dark and after lighting-up time, the motor cycle had no lights working. There was a collision with the defendant's motor car. Stable, J., found first of all that both the plaintiff's husband and the defendant were equally responsible for the accident. It would appear that *volenti* was not raised but the question of the plaintiff's contributory negligence was. The learned judge went on to say ([1961] 1 W.L.R., at p. 255): "I have come to the conclusion here that in relation to the highway, it does not matter whether you are in a motor car or a dog cart, whether you are on a bicycle or whether you are a pedestrian, whether you are a passenger or a driver, you owe the same duty to other users of the highway to take reasonable care of yourself." He then found that the plaintiff had not exercised "reasonable care for her own safety" and said (at p. 256): "I think, having regard to *Dann v. Hamilton* and the reason behind it, that the plaintiff did owe a duty and that she was in breach of that duty in knowingly travelling in this unilluminated combination."

Having found that the plaintiff had been contributorily negligent, Stable, J., then had to assess the degree of her negligence. He said that, just because the state of knowledge of the driver and the passenger was the same, that did not mean that they were both equally negligent. Each case depended on its own facts and, although the plaintiff's husband was half to blame for the accident, she was herself, *vis-à-vis* the defendant, only a quarter to blame.

Volenti

Daurant's case did not say anything regarding the *volenti* question and this still remains as open as before. Despite the Commonwealth decisions to the contrary, it is difficult to see how *volenti* can be a defence to the tort of negligence. As Bowen, L.J., said in the leading case of *Thomas v. Quartermaine* (1887), 18 Q.B.D. 685, at pp. 696-7: "The maxim, be it observed, is not '*scienti non fit injuria*' but '*volenti*.' It is

plain that mere knowledge may not be a conclusive test . . ." Wells, J., pointed out in *Osborne v. London and North Western Railway Co.* (1888), 21 Q.B.D. 220, at p. 223, that a defendant could only reply on *volenti* as a defence if he could "obtain a finding of fact that the plaintiff freely and voluntarily, with full knowledge of the nature and extent of the risk he ran, impliedly agreed to incur it." It is clear that, if the defendant has already brought about a dangerous physical condition by his negligence and afterwards the plaintiff, knowing of it, nevertheless takes the risk of it, the defence of *volenti* applies, but how can a plaintiff have full knowledge of the extent of the risk he is to run if there is a possibility of negligence *in futuro*?

It may be very difficult to get a judicial decision on this point because the facts of each case are usually such that the judge can simply say that on the facts *volenti* has not been established and leave unanswered whether it can be raised as a defence where negligence has been alleged. Perhaps the following example, if it ever came before the courts, would make the judge face up to the point of law. A is a hiker and B, the driver of a car, stops to give him a lift. Before A gets into the car B says to him, "You travel at your own risk if you come with me," and A agrees. An accident subsequently occurs due to B's negligence, and A is injured and sues B. It is clear law that an exclusion clause can be wide enough to exclude liability for negligence (see *White v. John Warwick and Co., Ltd.* [1953] 1 W.L.R. 1285), but for such a clause to be relied on there must be a direct contractual relationship between the parties (see Diplock, J., in *Midland Silicones, Ltd. v. Scruttons, Ltd.* [1959] 2 Q.B. 171, at p. 493). Here there is no contractual relationship between A and B, owing to the absence of consideration. All that remains is whether B can rely on his statement and the acceptance of it by A as *volenti* on the part of A. It is submitted that he cannot. Without knowing something of B's driving ability or the condition of the car, A surely could have no "full knowledge" of the "extent of the risk" he was to run by accepting a lift on those conditions.

It would seem that, as in rescue cases (see *Baker v. T. E. Hopkins and Son, Ltd.* [1959] 1 W.L.R. 966, considered in an article at 104 SOL. J. 156), *volenti* is no defence to an action for negligence.

ANTHONY SCRIVENER.

DIOCESAN AUTHORITIES AND PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCILS

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Property Practice

THE PREMISES OF A DEED—I

HITHERTO in this series what are usually misnamed the *non-operative* parts of a deed have been considered, namely, the commencement (at p. 8), the date (at pp. 53 and 76), the parties (at pp. 200 and 226), and the recitals (at pp. 342, 358 and 377), all of which, as has been shown, are in fact operative at least to some extent. After these naturally comes the so-called operative part, commencing familiarly with the words of the *testatum* ("NOW THIS DEED WITNESSETH . . ."). In registered conveyancing, apart from the heading, the prescribed form of transfer (see Form 19 in the Schedule to the Land Registration Rules, 1925) contains nothing but so-called operative part, except that occasionally recitals may be added.

"Deedmarks"

It may be appropriate to pause here to observe that the traditional formula, such as the words of the *testatum* and other customary phrases, which appear in capital letters in deeds, perform an elementary but useful function apart altogether from any meaning which they may or may not have. This function is to act as landmarks, or rather "deedmarks," by which every conveyancing practitioner knows where one part of a deed begins and another ends. However, the writer suggests that there is an alternative method of "deedmarking" which is more in accord with the streamlining of conveyancing advocated for this latter twentieth century, and also comprehensible to others than conveyancing practitioners, perhaps even to the parties to the deed themselves (which, it may be thought, is of some importance). This alternative method is to break the deed down, as are articles in this Journal, by means of sub-headings stating in modern English usage what the parts of the deed are for. For example, the following sub-headings might appear: "Parties," "History of Title" and "Purpose of Deed" (rather than "Recitals"), "Grant," "Description of Property," "Purchaser's Obligations," and "Certificate of Value for Stamp Duty." These suggested sub-headings may be compared with the "indicative titles" proposed by Mr. L. F. Herbert in the *Law Society's Gazette* (vol. 58, p. 151) for dividing up commercial documents, namely, "Definitions," "Preamble" (which is preferred to "foreword," "preface" or "introduction"), and "Operation." Mr. Herbert, however, confesses that he is not altogether happy about the last two of his indicative titles, and it is possible that he would be even less happy with the sub-headings suggested here. Just the same, difficult though it may be to find generally acceptable sub-headings, nothing would be lost by the attempt and something might be gained.

Unfortunately, having once embarked upon purported rationalisation of the form and content of deeds, it would be difficult to stop the slaughter of dearly-loved though archaic clichés. Revolution is not the object of this article; let us return to the premises.

The office of the premises

Strictly speaking, the premises are all the operative part of a deed coming before the *habendum* ("TO HOLD . . ."), including both the operative words—i.e., the implied covenants for title ("As beneficial owner") and the grant ("HEREBY CONVEYS . . .")—and the parcels ("ALL THAT . . ."). Thus

Coke said (Co. Litt. 6a): "The office of the premises of the deed is twofold: first, rightly to name the feoffor and feoffee; and secondly to comprehend the certainty of the lands or tenements to be conveyed by the feoffment." A slightly different explanation, although to a similar effect, was given by Lord Goddard in *Gardiner v. Sevenoaks Rural District Council* [1950] 2 All E.R. 84 (concerning the meaning of the word "premises" in s. 1 (1) of the Celluloid and Cinematograph Film Act, 1922). He said (at p. 85):—

" 'Premises' is, no doubt, a word which is capable of many meanings. How it originally became applied to property is, I think, generally known. It was from the habit of conveyancers when they were drawing deeds of conveyance referring to property and speaking of 'parcels'. They set out the parcels in the early part of the deed, and later they would refer to 'the said premises,' meaning strictly that which had gone before, and gradually by common acceptance 'premises' became applied, as it generally is now, to houses, land, shops, or whatever it may be, so that the word has come to mean generally real property of one sort or another."

Be that as it may, the word "premises" is today (and in this article) used in relation to deeds to indicate the part coming immediately before the operative words and after the recitals, and containing, apart from the *testatum*, only the statement of the consideration and the receipt clause, both of which are extremely important and well worth discussion.

Consideration

The first point to notice on consideration is that it is not essential to a deed; a legal estate may be passed and any contract contained in a deed enforced even though the transaction is entirely voluntary: *Pratt v. Barker* (1828), 1 Sim. 1. However, this does *not* mean that a gratuitous or voluntary deed can always be accepted without question. In appropriate circumstances, a voluntary deed may suffer from any one of a number of consequences which not infrequently in practice constitute serious defects. By way of illustration the following points may be mentioned.

Three equitable defects

First, the equitable remedy of specific performance, being discretionary, is not available on breach of a voluntary agreement, even though it is contained in a deed: *Jefferys v. Jefferys* (1841), Cr. & Ph. 138. Second, an assignment of an expectancy, void at common law, is treated in equity as a contract to assign provided it is made for value, by deed alone being insufficient: *Holroyd v. Marshall* (1862), 10 H.L. Cas. 191; *Re Ellenborough*; *Towry Law v. Burne* [1903] 1 Ch. 697. Note that here value does not necessarily mean full value: s. 174 of the Law of Property Act, 1925. Third, it is possible that in the absence of consideration a resulting trust will arise. Since the repeal of the Statute of Uses, 1535 (by s. 207 of and Sched. VII to the Law of Property Act, 1925), a legal estate in land can be conveyed by a voluntary conveyance without a statement that the land is both conveyed "unto and to the use of" the grantee, i.e., no resulting use of the legal estate in favour of the grantor can now be implied and immediately executed by operation of law. Whether or not a resulting trust in equity for the grantor would have been implied by a voluntary grant before 1926 was, oddly enough, never settled and there was much conflict

of opinion. However, s. 60 (3) of the Law of Property Act, 1925, now provides:—

"In a voluntary conveyance a resulting trust for the grantor shall not be implied merely by reason that the property is not expressed to be conveyed for the use or benefit of the grantee."

Therefore, *prima facie*, a voluntary grant "to AB" *simpliciter* will not imply a resulting trust. However, note

that the subsection contains the words "merely by reason that"—a resulting trust may be implied in a voluntary grant because of other circumstances. Further, it appears that if the subject-matter of a voluntary grant is pure personality, there will be a presumption that a resulting trust is intended (*Re Vinogradoff*; *Allen v. Jackson* [1935] W.N. 68), although this may be rebutted, e.g., by a presumption of advancement.

(To be continued)

P. P.

Landlord and Tenant Notebook

"A PROSTITUTE RENT"

THE circumstances in which a landlord may be found to be guilty of knowingly living wholly or partly on the earnings of prostitution, the earnings being those of his tenant, were examined in *R. v. Silver* [1956] 1 W.L.R. 281, and in *R. v. Thomas* [1957] 1 W.L.R. 747, and have now been considered by Viscount Simonds in *Shaw v. Director of Public Prosecutions* [1961] 2 W.L.R. 897; p. 421, *ante* (H.L.). The authority of the first of these cases was short-lived, but some suggestion that the view taken in the second case may require qualification is implicit in the observations made by Viscount Simonds, and also in some made by Lord Reid, in the recent proceedings.

Whose earnings?

In *R. v. Thomas* eight men, who were landlords of flats and their letting agents, were tried at the Central Criminal Court on an indictment charging them with living wholly or in part on the earnings of prostitutes occupying those flats, and the judgment of Judge Maude ruling that there was no case to answer makes it clear that the prosecution relied on an allegation that the rents payable were high. "On the one hand, the doctor gives his services, and, on the other, in the case of the shopkeepers, they give their goods in exchange for money; they, in fact, are earning their living. They are not, therefore, living in part on the earnings of prostitution at all. But it is said now . . . that where a landlord lets his premises for the purpose of prostitution and gets what I propose to call a prostitute rent, a wholly different situation arises: viz., since the ordinary moral rent is less than the prostitute rent, then to the extent of the excess of the prostitute rent over the moral rent he is living on the earnings of prostitution. I do not think he is. I think that what the landlord is doing is living on his own earnings, just like the shopkeeper."

"A coadjutor"

The above did not commend itself to Pilcher, J., when trying *R. v. Thomas*, in which the accused was alleged to have arranged with a prostitute that she should have the use of a room between certain hours of the night, she paying £3 a night. "It seems to me that if there is evidence that the accused has let a room, or a flat, at a grossly inflated rent to a prostitute for the express purpose of allowing her to ply her immoral trade, then it is for the jury to determine on the facts of each particular case whether the accused is in fact knowingly living wholly or in part on the earnings of prostitution. I take the view that anyone who acts in that fashion is acting as it were as a coadjutor of the prostitute, and is in quite a different position from the shopkeeper, a doctor or

anyone else who performs services or sells goods in the ordinary way to a prostitute . . ."

R. v. Thomas was, therefore, "not followed"; but the unsatisfactory state of affairs did not last long, for the accused, having been convicted and sentenced, sought leave to appeal, and his application was turned down by the Court of Criminal Appeal. Stable, J., delivered the judgment; a very short one, agreeing with the reasoning of Pilcher, J. "It was a perfectly plain case and there is no question about it that the applicant was living on immoral earnings."

Test suggested

One of the counts in *Shaw v. Director of Public Prosecutions*—popularly known as the "Ladies' Directory Case"—was the knowingly living on the earnings of prostitution, the accused having published a magazine containing the names and addresses of prostitutes who paid him for so doing. References were made to the two decisions mentioned above, and the "coadjutor" reasoning met with Lord Simonds' approval: "Thus, a man who advertises prostitutes and receives payment from them for so doing embarks with them on a joint venture, the object of which is that they may earn money by prostitution and in turn pay him for his services. No doubt, all that he is paid is not profit, for he has the expenses of publishing. But his net reward is the direct and intended result of their prostitution."

In this passage Lord Simonds was applying a test which he had suggested earlier in his speech: "A person may fairly be said to be living in whole or in part on the earnings of prostitution if he is paid by prostitutes for goods and services supplied by him to them for the purpose of their prostitution which he would not supply but for the fact that they were prostitutes." I will comment on the concluding words of this passage later, but will first mention some possible distinctions drawn by Lord Simonds and by Lord Reid.

"For occupation"

It will have been noticed that there were certain differences between the facts of *R. v. Silver* and those of *R. v. Thomas*; in the one case, flats were let and in the other the use of a room was licensed, but Pilcher, J.'s judgment ran: ". . . if there is evidence that the accused has let a room, or a flat, at a grossly inflated rent." Lord Simonds considered that a distinction should be drawn between rooms and a flat; at first sight, the criticism seems puzzling, but it is clear that his lordship had the difference to which I have referred in mind, and may perhaps have overlooked the fact that many people reside in so-called "bed-sitters." For the speech continued with: ". . . this direction attaches undue

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importance to the rent being 'grossly inflated' or, as is sometimes said, 'exorbitant.' It appears to me that, whatever the rent, the jury might have concluded that the accommodation was provided for no other purpose than prostitution, and would not have been provided for her unless she was a prostitute. The exorbitance of the rent would, in my opinion, become important only if there had been evidence that this sort of accommodation was a necessary or a luxury commonly required by other women for other purposes than prostitution, a thing which is not easily imaginable . . . If premises are let only for the purpose of prostitution and not *also for occupation* by the prostitute, as was the room in *R. v. Thomas*, it is easy to conclude that an offence has been committed. But, if the flat is let for occupation, I am not prepared to say that the landlord commits an offence merely because he knows that his tenant is a prostitute and must be assumed to know that she will there ply her trade . . . Therefore, in such a case as *R. v. Silver* (where the flats appear to have been let for occupation) the landlord can only be convicted of an offence on the ground that the rent is exorbitant."

Lord Reid visualised complications: a landlord might let a flat to an apparently respectable woman, and discover later that she was carrying on prostitution: would he thereafter be knowingly living on the earnings of prostitution? Again, is a landlord not guilty if a prostitute lived in one flat and carried on her trade in another (I think the suggestion is that the other flat should be held of a different landlord) but

guilty if she lived and carried on her trade in the same flat? And what if a prostitute residing and earning money by prostitution in the same flat were to go and live elsewhere but continue to use the flat for prostitution? There was nothing in the Sexual Offences Act, 1956, to help, but "I am far from saying that a landlord can never be guilty of living on the immoral earnings of his tenant. To my mind, the most obvious case is where he takes advantage of her difficulty in getting accommodation to extract from her *in the guise of rent* sums beyond any commercial rent . . . he is making her engage in a joint adventure with him which will bring to him a part of her immoral earnings over and above rent."

"Would not supply"

In these speeches, Viscount Simonds and Lord Reid did not purport to do more than comment on the other decisions, but I suggest that they contain valuable guidance, the more valuable if read together. For Lord Reid's observations invite the thought that Lord Simonds' "services supplied . . . for the purpose of their prostitution which he would not supply but for the fact that they are prostitutes" must be read as ". . . which he would not be supplying." A landlord who obtains a higher than normal or than moral rent from a prostitute would have no objection to receiving the same sum from a respectable tenant: hence the importance, referred to later, of the "prostitute rent" element.

R. B.

HERE AND THERE

DISROBING IN FRANCE

THERE is a report of a most extraordinary proposal said to have emanated from the Minister of Justice in France. It seems that in the name of modernisation he wishes counsel in future to plead without robes. This is one of those ideas which, on the face of it, must powerfully appeal to every plain, practical, sensible, up-to-date man, but, on closer examination, could scarcely be more fatuous, unless its actual object were to maim and diminish the Bar. Certainly, the notion has been met with marked disfavour by those principally concerned, the lawyers themselves. The arguments in favour of disrobing the barristers are, of course, obvious enough. What earthly difference, it is said, can it make to the validity of counsel's reasoning or submissions whether or not he covers his body with a long black garment? With alacrity one replies that it makes no difference at all—so far as that goes. Counsel's arguments would be just as valid (or invalid) if he were to stand up in court as naked as Truth emerging from the well. And perhaps the best counter-demonstration which the French Bar could make would be to appear in court thus in the most primitive and simplified version of the garb of old Gaul. It would then, of course, be explained to them that certain conventions and considerations required them to present themselves otherwise. They would at once agree and the way would then be open for a rational discussion of the considerations which underlie the practice of wearing special costumes for special occasions and a more minute examination of the whole matter.

PRACTICAL POINTS

DOES the Minister of Justice, for example, intend to disrobe the judges as well as the barristers? Does he intend that the universal "plain clothes" counsel should be matched by the

universal plain clothes policeman? And, if not, why not? That is not a mere rhetorical question. Are the scarlet-robed judges to vanish from the assize courts? Will the prosecutor, the *Avocat Général*, who ranks and takes his place in court as one of *la magistrature*, retain the advantage of his authoritative robes while the Bar below are stripped of theirs? More significant still, is the overwhelming bodyguard of policemen in review order with white belts and brilliant kepis to be replaced by sinister squads of plain clothes detectives in belted raincoats and slouch hats? That is not, I imagine, very probable and for a clear practical reason, quite apart from any prejudice in favour of a pleasing scheme of decoration. It is very useful for a postman to look like a postman, a ticket inspector like a ticket inspector, and in the proceedings in courts of justice, more than on most other occasions, it is highly desirable to be able to tell who is who at a glance, to be able to tell the judge from the usher and the attendant policemen from the barristers, for (let us face it) one man looks very like another and many a judge without his robes shrinks to the stature of a common litigant. There was once a newly appointed London stipendiary magistrate who, on arriving at his court for the first time, inquired his way about the building of the policeman at the door and was directed to the cells. We know in England how robes, well recognised traditional robes, have a psychological effect of being able to suggest and impose authority without even a show of force, of visibly invoking the sanction of society and the weight of history which distinguish that lawful authority from mere brute strength. Robes are (if one may borrow a theological expression) the outward sign of inward grace. They are a form, it is true, but never despise the form; it safeguards the content. The champagne bottle has a form. Try breaking the bottles and pouring all the stuff into a bucket and then

wonder what has happened to its character and quality as wine.

EQUALITY

THERE is another very practical reason for retaining the robes of the advocates, a reason which should appeal to citizens of the land of equality and fraternity. Robes are great levellers. They place on a brotherly equality the old advocate and the young, the fashionable leader and the poor beginner. The young, the inexperienced, the far from successful have quite enough to contend with in a purely professional sense without being put down and out of countenance by the supercilious

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JUVENILES (CRIMES OF VIOLENCE)

In reply to a request for the figures of crimes of violence against the person committed by juveniles during 1960 in the same form as set out in app. C of the Barry Report on Corporal Punishment, the Rt. Hon. DENNIS VOSPER said that, in 1960, 1,540 boys and forty-three girls under the age of seventeen were found guilty of offences of the kinds included in app. C.

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PARKING OFFENCES, LONDON

Mr. DAVID RENTON said that in the areas of London in which the fixed penalty system had been introduced, 35,827 fixed penalty tickets had been issued between 19th September, 1960, and 16th April, 1961. Of these cases, 1,231 were awaiting

hearing before magistrates' courts, 886 were awaiting application for summons, and in 4,029 the police were pursuing inquiries. In the remainder, the fixed penalty had been paid, or the case had been dealt with by a court or the Commissioner of Police had decided to take no further action.

[1st June.

TRAFFIC WARDENS (RESIGNATIONS)

Mr. DAVID RENTON said that of the 149 traffic wardens who had been appointed by the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis since July, 1960, thirty-eight had resigned. One of these had since rejoined.

[1st June.

INCOME TAX ACT, 1952 (SECTION 66)

Sir EDWARD BOYLE said that he was satisfied that the existing law concerning s. 66 of the Income Tax Act, 1952, was satisfactory. That section provided that a person who had paid tax charged under an income tax assessment, under Sched. D or Sched. E, might claim relief if he showed that the assessment was excessive by reason of some error or mistake in the return or statement made by him for the purposes of the assessment. No relief was due, however, if the return or statement was made on the basis or in accordance with the practice generally prevailing at the time when it was made. A dispute between the Revenue and the taxpayer on a s. 66 claim fell to be determined on appeal by the Special Commissioners, whose decision, except on a point of law arising in connection with the computation of profits or income, was final. In the case to which his attention had been drawn, the appellate Special Commissioners decided, in favour of the Revenue, that the taxpayer's return had been in accordance with prevailing practice; but they went on to say, in effect, that, apart from this, the taxpayer could not invoke s. 66 because the assessment was an estimated assessment made in advance of a return or accounts, despite the fact that the assessment had been adjusted in accordance with accounts subsequently submitted. This second limb of the decision did not accord with the practice of the Board of Inland Revenue, and the Board was now advised that, where a return or accounts submitted after the making of an estimated assessment had been accepted for the purpose of arriving at the final assessment under which the tax had been charged, the fact that the assessment was made in advance of the rendering of the return or accounts did not of itself rule out a claim under s. 66 which would otherwise have been admissible. The Board would continue to adopt this general line in considering claims under the section, and would make its view clear to the appellate Commissioners if the point was raised on an appeal before them.

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2nd	Wages Regulation (Rubber Proofed Garment) Order, 1961. (S.I. 1961 No. 955.)
5th	Wages Regulation (Retail Bookselling and Stationery) Order, 1961. (S.I. 1961 No. 903.) Wages Regulation (Retail Newsagency, Tobacco and Confectionery) (England and Wales) Order, 1961. (S.I. 1961 No. 921.)
12th	Wages Regulation (Retail Bread and Flour Confectionery) (England and Wales) Order, 1961. (S.I. 1961 No. 942.) Wages Regulation (Retail Food) (England and Wales) Order, 1961. (S.I. 1961 No. 922.)

"THE SOLICITORS' JOURNAL," 8th JUNE, 1861

ON 8th June, 1861, THE SOLICITORS' JOURNAL published the questions for the Trinity Term examination. The following are a selection: *Common and Statute Law and Practice of the Courts*: On non-payment of a bill of exchange by the acceptor, to whom, and how soon, should notice of the dishonour be given by an indorsee, in order to preserve the liability of any, and what other person or persons? Is there any, and, if any, what mode in which a creditor for goods sold and delivered can make his debt carry interest? What is the meaning of a set-off? And mention instances in which debts or demands may not be set-off against each other. Against whom should an action be brought for a debt contracted by a married woman before her marriage, and would the husband be under any liability for such debt in the event of the death of the married woman before any action is brought? Within what respective periods must actions on specialties and simple contracts be brought to avoid being barred

by Statutes of Limitation? What is the meaning and effect of demurring to an adversary's pleading? *Conveyancing*: To whom, in the absence of any special custom to the contrary, do the timber and minerals upon and under the waste land of manors belong, and to whom do the timber and minerals under copyhold land belong? Where money is settled upon trust to be invested in real estate, and to which *A* (a married woman) is entitled for life and *B* (a tenant in tail) is entitled in remainder, in what way should a transfer of their interests in the money be effected? *A* by will devises an estate to *B* and afterwards contracts to sell the estate to *C* and dies before conveyance, who is entitled to the purchase money? And state the authority. When will trust estates pass under a general devise, and when will they not? In what way must a gift of land to a charity be carried out to be effectual, and what description of property can be disposed of to charitable uses by will?

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Stone's Justices' Manual, 1961. Ninety-third Edition. Edited by JAMES WHITESIDE, O.B.E., Solicitor, and J. P. WILSON, Solicitor. pp. ccclxiv, 3193 and (Index) 242. 1961. London: Butterworth & Co. (Publishers), Ltd.; Shaw & Sons, Ltd. Two Volumes. Thick Edition: £5 2s. 6d. net. Thin Edition: £5 7s. 6d. net.

In their preface reviewing the law of 1960 affecting the work of magistrates' courts the editors say that new statute law has made this the most significant edition of Stone for many years. The Betting and Gaming Act, 1960, has created a new jurisdiction in relation to the grant by justices of bookmakers' permits, betting agency permits and betting office licences. Consolidating statutes include the Matrimonial Proceedings (Magistrates' Courts) Act, 1960, the Road Traffic Act, 1960, and the Distress for Rates Act, 1960. From a host of other new statutes noted in the work one picks at random the Adoption Act, 1960, the Abandonment of Animals Act, 1960, the Building Societies Act, 1960, the Game Laws (Amendment) Act, 1960, the Payment of Wages Act, 1960, the Pawnbrokers Act, 1960, the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960, the Charities Act, 1960, and the Noise Abatement Act, 1960.

The titles Husband and Wife and Property, Offences against, have been rearranged, and the clarity of the table of statutes has been improved by the printing of the calendar year in bold type in the middle of each column whenever a new year starts.

This is Your Child. The Story of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. By ANNE ALLEN and ARTHUR MORTON. pp. x and (with Index) 198. 1961. London: Routledge & Kegan Paul, Ltd. £1 5s. net.

"Those who find themselves unable to contemplate tragic and often sordid facts" are advised by the authors not to read this book. And indeed even a generation bruised almost into insensibility by the impact of Buchenwald and Hiroshima may find unbearable the contemplation of human misery revealed by both the text and the illustrations in this study of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. The history of the society, the work it has done, and the work which it still has to do, light up the most revolting skeleton in our national cupboard. In a time of great prosperity when the State peers, probes, regulates and assists in so many branches of life, it is left to a charitable society to seek out the suffering children in our midst, to help them from its own funds, and where necessary to prosecute the adults who cause their misery.

It should not be thought that this book is in any way an appeal, either for interest or for funds, on behalf of the N.S.P.C.C.: it is a straightforward account of the history and work of the society, dramatic enough in all conscience, but entirely devoid of special pleading or any attempt to play on the emotions. Some facts emerge which shake complacency. It is clear, for instance, that the industrial revolution, which brought many burdens as well as benefits to the western world, bore most heavily on the children—in 1876, eight years before the society was founded by a Congregational minister, the Rev. Benjamin Waugh, there were estimated to be at least 30,000 homeless and destitute children in London alone. In the improved conditions of today, with the wide provisions of the Children Act, 1948, much suffering goes unremedied because too many people are prepared to pass by on the other side. In one case described here a child's terrible ill-treatment only came to light because a neighbour had a nervous breakdown brought on by observing the child's sufferings for so long!

But the call for heavier penalties on those convicted of ill-treatment and neglect of children is no real answer. The authors, while not pretending to speak for the society, clearly express its conclusions when they say that the "guilty" adults are generally not responsible for their acts, the cause for their callousness lying in their own childhood experiences. The remedy then is to seek out, prevent and ameliorate the sufferings of the present generation without troubling too much about the punishment of adults whose minds are probably warped beyond repair. Although this is a tragic book in many ways, showing as it does an aspect of human nature of which the full flowering can now be seen in the dock at Jerusalem, it carries a message of hope. As a nation we have not turned our back on human suffering—although the flourishing

state of the R.S.P.C.A. many years before the N.S.P.C.C. was founded might indicate a greater care for animals than children—and the society which voluntarily bears the burden of our neglected youth is efficient, enlightened and dedicated. For those whose consciences are stirred but not fully awakened by the running sore of cruelty to children, this book offers a challenge which should not be ignored. Quite apart from this, lawyers who have to deal with cases involving children should make themselves familiar with the working of the N.S.P.C.C. and should know the extent of the help available from the society.

County Court Notebook. Ninth Edition. By ERSKINE POLLOCK, LL.B., Solicitor (Honours). pp. 28. 1961. London: The Solicitors' Law Stationery Society, Ltd. 3s. net.

As the author says in his preface, the ninth edition of this handy little book has become necessary by reason of the general increase of county court fees and the Amendment Rules, 1960. Following closely the layout of its predecessors, it contains a surprising amount of information in condensed form, and will undoubtedly be a great help to practitioners in the county courts.

The Crusade against Capital Punishment in Great Britain.

By ELIZABETH ORMAN TUTTLE. Published under the auspices of the Institute for the Study and Treatment of Delinquency. pp. xii and (with Index) 177. 1961. London: Stevens and Sons, Ltd. Chicago: Quadrangle Books, Inc. £1 10s. net.

This is the story of the movement for the abolition of the death penalty, and it is well told. Like many other movements, it cuts across national frontiers, religious barriers, party lines and the latter half of modern history. Indeed, one might point to the sparing of Cain as an example of reform versus (capital) punishment, and shortly after the destruction of the Temple a famous rabbi declared: "Had we been in the Sanhedrin, no man would have ever been sentenced to death." However, the modern inspirer of the movement was Cesare Beccaria, whose "Essay on Crimes and Punishment" appeared two centuries ago. In his footsteps followed Jeremy Bentham and Sir Samuel Romilly. As a matter of fact, in their days juries violated their oaths to save petty thieves from the gallows. Quickly the scope of executions narrowed, from the abolition of the death penalty for pickpockets in 1806 to the beginning of Queen Victoria's reign, when it applied only to murder and treason—no one has ever been executed for piracy with violence or arson in the royal dockyards. Efforts to abolish capital punishment at the end of the first half of last century failed, but half the members of the Royal Commission of 1864 were in favour of its abolition. Thereafter the movement languished until the beginning of this century. The Children Act of 1908 prohibited capital punishment for any person under sixteen years of age, and half a century later the Homicide Act, 1957, received the Royal Assent. This compromise measure shows how hopelessly divided the country is on this issue; while the fact that it took no less than fifty-eight years for the Royal Commission's recommendation on infanticide to reach the statute book shows how slowly legislation follows upon enlightened opinion. So far, so good; but unfortunately, in an appendix on the working of the Homicide Act, the mistake is perpetuated that—by upholding the direction of the trial judge in *Smith's* case—the House of Lords laid down an objective criterion of responsibility. Again, some confusion is shown as to the relation of provocation to diminished responsibility.

Official Architecture and Planning Year Book, 1961. Edited by ROBERT MCKOWN. pp. (with Index) 207. 1961. London: Anstey Press, Ltd. 15s. net.

This work of reference gives at a glance the names, addresses and telephone numbers of executive officers responsible for architectural and town planning matters in Government departments, local authorities, statutory undertakings and many large private firms. Particulars are also given of a large number of organisations, professional, official, semi-official and non-official, of interest to architects and planners, including a brief account of their functions or aims.

NOTES OF CASES

These notes are published by arrangement with the Council of Law Reporting. Except in respect of those marked *, full reports of the judgments, revised by the judges, will shortly appear in the Weekly Law Reports. A list of cases reported in today's issue of "W.L.R." is set out at the end of these notes.

Case Editor: J. D. PENNINGTON, Esq., Barrister-at-Law

Court of Appeal

**BREACH OF BUILDING REGULATIONS:
PLAINTIFF'S CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE:
WHETHER COEXTENSIVE WITH BREACH**

Boden v. Moore

Holroyd Pearce, Willmer and Davies, L.JJ. 31st May, 1961
Appeal from Lloyd-Jacob, J.

The plaintiff, an experienced painter, was injured when, in the course of his employment by the defendant's firm of painters and decorators, he fell from a ladder which moved. The plaintiff knew how to place a ladder and could have got someone to foot it. The defendant's firm was not in the habit of giving instructions that ladders should be fixed or footed but relied in these matters on their employees. Lloyd-Jacob, J., held that there had been no breach by the defendant of the employer's common-law duty of care but that there had been a breach of reg. 29 (4) of the Building (Safety, Health and Welfare) Regulations, 1948, regarding the fixing of the ladder for which the plaintiff, by his contributory negligence, had been equally to blame with the defendant, and he awarded damages of £430, half of the total damage sustained. On appeal, it was contended for the defendant that as the breach of the regulation had been solely caused by the plaintiff's own act in the placing of the ladder, which act had been coextensive with the breach, the judge was in error in holding the defendant liable in damages.

HOLROYD PEARCE, L.J., said that once the plaintiff had established a breach of the regulations by the defendant, the onus was upon the defendant to prove that it was due solely to the plaintiff's fault which was coextensive with the breach. The case was not within the principle of *Manwaring v. Billington* [1952] 2 T.L.R. 689. The regulations were intended as a protection for the workmen. In the present case, no care had been taken by the defendant to secure compliance with reg. 29 (4) and no defence would have been available under s. 137 (1) of the Factories Act, 1937. His lordship would dismiss the appeal.

WILLMER, L.J., concurring, said that there was a duty on employers to give instructions to their men that ladders were to be fixed or footed, and the breach of the regulations was at least in part due to the defendant's fault.

DAVIES, L.J., delivered a concurring judgment. Appeal dismissed.

APPEARANCES: *Marven Everett*, Q.C., and *G. W. Humphries* (*Barlow, Lyde and Gilbert* for *James Chapman & Co.*, Manchester); *F. W. Beney*, Q.C., and *B. A. Hynter* (*T. D. Jones & Co.*, for *Riley, Sutcliffe & Co.*, Blackburn).

[Reported by A. H. BRAY, Esq., Barrister-at-Law]

**SHIPPING: CONGESTION OF TRAFFIC:
WHETHER "OBSTRUCTION"**

N.V. Reederij "Amsterdam" v. President of India

Ormerod, Upjohn and Davies, L.JJ. 2nd June, 1961

Appeal from Pearson, J.

A Dutch ship was chartered by shipowners, a Dutch company, to the President of India to proceed to the United States to load a cargo of wheat to be discharged at a port on the coast of India to be named by the charterer. The charterparty, a fixed time charterparty, required loading to be completed within five days after notice of readiness had been given and contained an exceptions clause providing "if cargo cannot be loaded by reason of riots, strikes . . . or by reason of obstructions or stoppages beyond the control of the charterer . . . time for loading does not count."

Owing to congestion of ships the vessel was unable to find a berth on arrival at New Orleans and had to wait some time before one could be made available. It was not normal or usual for no berth to be available in the port of New Orleans when a ship arrived. As a result of the delay caused by waiting for a berth, loading was not completed within the five days and the owners claimed demurrage from the charterer. The umpire upheld the owners' claim and awarded them £2,186 demurrage. On appeal, Pearson, J., reversed the umpire's award and held that the charterer was protected by the exceptions clause. The owners appealed.

ORMEROD, L.J., said that the whole appeal depended on the true meaning of the word "obstructions" as used in the exceptions clause. The contention for the owners was that mere congestion of traffic in a port did not constitute an "obstruction" but that there must be a blockage caused by the breakdown of a fixed object. However, the Oxford English Dictionary gave the word a very wide and broad meaning, and a very wide meaning was given to "obstruction" by the court in *Leonis S.S. Co., Ltd. v. Rank* (No. 2) (1908), 13 Com. Cas. 361, when the same argument now advanced by the owners in a similar situation was rejected, and it was held that congestion of ships was an "obstruction" within the meaning of the relevant charterparty. The court was bound by that decision, and therefore the appeal must be dismissed.

UPJOHN and DAVIES, L.JJ., delivered concurring judgments Appeal dismissed. Leave to appeal to House of Lords.

APPEARANCES: *Eustace Roskill*, Q.C., and *Michael Kerr*, Q.C. (*William A. Crump & Sons*); *John Donaldson*, Q.C., and *Anthony Lloyd* (*J. A. & H. E. Farnfield*).

[Reported by NORMAN PRIMOST, Esq., Barrister-at-Law]

Chancery Division

**COMPANY: WINDING-UP PETITION: NO
ALLEGATION THAT ASSETS PROBABLY
AVAILABLE: WHETHER DEMURRABLE**

In re Newman and Howard, Ltd.

Buckley, J. 1st May, 1961

Petition to wind up.

A contributory who after many requests failed to obtain information or accounts from a company, which had not held a general meeting for several years, presented a petition for the company to be wound up on the ground that it was just and equitable so to do. The petition achieved its object of producing accounts and information from the company and, in the circumstances, the petitioner no longer sought a winding-up order. He contended, however, that the company ought to pay his costs of the petition. The company contended that it should not do so but that the petitioner should pay its costs. The petition set out the various matters on which it was founded and then merely stated that in the circumstances it was just and equitable that the company be wound up. It did not allege that the company had or might have assets available for contributories and, therefore, it was said, the petition was demurrable.

PENNYCUICK, J., said that apart from the question of demurrer the proper order was that the company should pay the petitioner's costs of the petition. There was a well established rule that where a contributory presented a petition he must allege and prove at least to the extent of a prima facie case that there were assets of such an amount that in the winding up he would have a tangible interest. But from the very nature of the case there must be an implied qualification to that general rule. It could never be the

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law that a petitioner was bound to allege and to verify on oath a statement that the company had surplus assets when, by reason of the company's own default, he was not in a position to tell whether or not that statement was true. Nor could it really be the law that a petitioner was bound in such a case to make some vague statement such as "the accounts may show that there will be surplus assets available for the contributories." The rule was simply inapplicable to a case such as the present. The petition was not demurrable; and in the circumstances it would be dismissed because that was what the petitioner asked for; but the company would pay the petitioner's costs of the petition. Order accordingly.

APPEARANCES: *D. Chetwood (Preston, Lane-Claydon & O'Kelly, for Southall & Co., Birmingham); Morris M. Finer (Stanley A. Coleman & Hill, Birmingham).*

[Reported by K. R. A. HART, Esq., Barrister-at-Law]

**COMPANY: WINDING UP: JUDGMENT
CREDITOR'S PETITION DISMISSED: COSTS**

In re A. E. Hayter & Sons (Porchester), Ltd.

Pennycuik, J. 18th May, 1961

Petition.

On 9th March, 1961, the receiver of a company called an informal meeting of creditors and informed them of the approaching completion of the sale of the company's business and that when the sale was completed the company would go into a creditors' voluntary liquidation. On 19th April, 1961, the petitioner, a judgment creditor who had been present at the meeting of 9th March, presented a petition for the compulsory liquidation of the company. The petitioner's debt was less than half the amount of the company's other unsecured debts. At the hearing, the petition was opposed by a majority of the company's creditors and the petitioner consented to its being dismissed.

PENNYCUICK, J., said that the practice introduced by *In re R. W. Sharman, Ltd.* [1957] 1 W.L.R. 774, that no order as to costs should be made where a judgment creditor presented a petition but was prevented from obtaining an order by the opposition of creditors of greater weight, was appropriate where the petitioner had acted reasonably in presenting and prosecuting the petition: but that, in the circumstances, the petitioner must have known that the petition was virtually bound to fail and must be taken to have acted unreasonably in presenting the petition and ought, therefore, to pay the costs of the company and the opposing creditors. Order accordingly.

APPEARANCES: *Ralph Instone (Church, Adams, Tatham & Co., for Sarjeant, Brown & Co., Reading); Muir Hunter (Guyer & Co.); A. L. Figgis (A. R. Jackson).*

[Reported by Miss V. A. Moxon, Barrister-at-Law]

**COMPANY: WINDING UP: CREDITOR'S PETITION
DISMISSED: COSTS**

In re Sklan, Ltd.

Pennycuik, J., 18th May, 1961

Petition.

On 14th December, 1960, a receiver of a company's undertaking was appointed. On 16th February, 1961, a creditor for £500 presented a petition for the compulsory liquidation of the company. On 21st March, there was an informal meeting of creditors at which an unofficial committee was appointed to consider an offer to purchase the company's business which never in fact resulted in a sale. The petition came on for hearing on 6th March when creditors for a total amount of £45,365 supported an application for an adjournment. Most of these creditors ultimately opposed the petition. There were adjourned hearings on 17th April, 1st May and 13th May and evidence was filed. By 21st April, the receiver had entered into fresh negotiations for a sale of the company's business and on 13th May the petitioner consented to the dismissal of the petition on an undertaking to put the company

into voluntary liquidation. The company contended that the petitioner should pay its costs.

PENNYCUICK, J., said that a creditor who had not obtained judgment was in the same position, provided his debt was not disputed, as a judgment creditor and that the practice introduced by *In re R. W. Sharman, Ltd.* [1957] 1 W.L.R. 774, and discussed in *In re A. E. Hayter & Sons (Porchester), Ltd. supra*, applied so that, since the petitioner had acted reasonably throughout, it should not be ordered to pay the company's costs. No order as to costs.

APPEARANCES: *Edward Seeley (Paisner & Co.); Muir Hunter (Ernest Randall & Rose).*

[Reported by Miss V. A. Moxon, Barrister-at-Law]

**WILL: VESTING POSTPONED UNTIL TWENTY
YEARS AFTER DEATH OF LAST SURVIVOR OF
DESCENDANTS OF QUEEN VICTORIA LIVING AT
DEATH OF TESTATRIX**

***In re Warren's Will Trusts; Baker-Carr and Another v.
Warren and Others***

Cross, J. 1st June, 1961

Adjourned summons.

By her will dated 6th March, 1936, a testatrix, who died on 25th April, 1944, postponed vesting of the capital and income of her residuary estate until the expiration of twenty years after the death of the survivor of the issue living at her death of Queen Victoria. The trustee of the will took out a summons to determine whether the trusts of the income during the specified period and of the capital to take effect at the expiration of the period were void for uncertainty.

CROSS, J., said that in *In re Villar* [1929] 1 Ch. 243, and in *In re Leverhulme* (1943), 169 L.T. 294, the validity of similar trusts had been upheld, although in the latter case Morton, J., uttered a note of warning that it did not follow that such a trust in the will of a testator dying in 1943 would be valid. The evidence showed that at the death of the testatrix there were living 194 legitimate issue of Queen Victoria; in addition, there were three persons who might claim to be included, and subject to those there would apparently be no other difficulty in ascertaining the descendants. The evidence was more definite than in the earlier cases and he could not say that an inquiry as to the descendants living in 1944 would prove abortive. Things had settled down since the end of the war and there was a continued interest in the fortunes of those descendants. He would, therefore, hold that the trusts were valid. Declaration accordingly.

APPEARANCES: *Mark Cockle, D. A. Thomas, John Monckton (Garrard, Wolfe & Co.); A. J. Balcombe (Charles Russell and Co., for Johnson & Clarence, Midhurst).*

[Reported by Miss M. G. Thomas, Barrister-at-Law]

Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division

**WILL: PROBATE ACTION: COSTS OF
UNSUCCESSFUL PARTY**

****In the Estate of Benham, deceased;
Saint and Another v. Tuckfield***

Cairns, J. 1st June, 1961

Probate action.

The plaintiffs propounded the last will of the deceased. The defendant, by his defence, alleged want of due execution, want of testamentary capacity and want of knowledge and approval, and, by his counterclaim, propounded an earlier will of the deceased of which he had been named an executor. After a three-day hearing, the plaintiffs' will was upheld. Application was made that the defendant be condemned in the plaintiffs' costs. Counsel for the defendant submitted that the defendant's costs should be paid out of the estate, on the basis that he had propounded a will as an executor. The value of the estate was about £8,000.

CAIRNS, J., said that the defendant's claim to be treated as an executor was not well founded, since, as his lordship had held, the will appointing the defendant an executor had been revoked by the later will pronounced for in the action. The defendant was not entitled to his costs out of the estate, therefore, unless he could show that the litigation had been caused by the testatrix or by the residuary legatee. There were no grounds, however, for attributing any fault to either. His lordship was not prepared to grant the defendant costs out of the estate. The question then arose whether the case had been one for inquiry. If so, his lordship would say there should be no order as to costs. There were, in this case, certain unusual circumstances, but very little investigation on behalf of the defendant ought to have made it clear that there were no grounds for impugning the last will. The defendant's solicitors had been supplied with copies of the statements made by the attesting witnesses, and the testatrix's doctor had informed the defendant at an early stage that the testatrix was of sound testamentary capacity when she executed her last will. His lordship would in those circumstances order the defendant to pay the plaintiffs' costs. Order accordingly.

APPEARANCES: *H. S. Law* (Peacock & Goddard, for *Mooring, Aldridge & Brownlee*, Bournemouth); *K. B. Campbell* (Hall & Corbin, Caterham).

[Reported by D. R. ELLISON, Esq., Barrister-at-Law]

HUSBAND AND WIFE: DIVORCE: RE-HEARING OF SUIT: JURISDICTION OF DIVISIONAL COURT

*Brady v. Brady and Howes

Lord Merriman, P., and Lloyd-Jones, J. 1st June, 1961
Motion for re-hearing.

A wife applied to the Divisional Court under r. 36 (1) of the Matrimonial Causes Rules, 1957, for the rescission of a decree nisi of divorce granted to her husband in an undefended suit, and for a re-hearing of the suit. The ground of the application was that the wife's adultery with the co-respondent, upon which the decree nisi had been granted, which had been condoned, was wrongly held to have been revived. The husband resisted the application, and submitted that it was essential to an application under r. 36 (1) that no error of the court at the hearing was alleged, whereas in the present case, the wife alleged that the court wrongly found that her condoned adultery had been revived; she should therefore have appealed to the Court of Appeal, not to the Divisional Court.

LORD MERRIMAN, P., said that, the wife having failed to enter an appearance in the suit before the suit was heard and the decree nisi pronounced, she would not, in the ordinary way, be entitled to go to the Court of Appeal. In *Skull v. Skull* [1954] P. 458, it was held that, although there might have been an error of the court within the meaning of r. 36 (1), the Divisional Court had jurisdiction to order a re-hearing if the applicant would not, in the ordinary way, be entitled to go to the Court of Appeal. As it was not in the public interest that the decree nisi should be allowed to stand, it would be rescinded, and a re-hearing of the suit would be ordered.

LOYD-JONES, J., delivered a concurring judgment. Order accordingly.

APPEARANCES: *T. A. C. Coningsby* (Henry I. Sydney & Co.); *M. Morgan Gibbon and Trevor Guest* (Samuel Coleman).

[Reported by D. R. ELLISON, Esq., Barrister-at-Law]

DIVORCE: CRUELTY: MENTAL ILLNESS

*Kramrisch v. Kramrisch

Baker, J. 2nd June, 1961

Defended divorce.

A wife petitioned for a divorce on the ground of cruelty. The parties were married in 1953 but at the time of the hearing

the husband was receiving compulsory hospital treatment for chronic paranoid schizophrenia, the first symptoms of which had become manifest in 1955. The wife alleged acts of cruelty, including incidents of violence, against herself from 1957 until 1959, when the marriage broke up, during which period the husband had been receiving treatment for his illness.

BAKER, J., said that he was satisfied that at no time when the acts of cruelty complained of had taken place had the husband been insane within the McNaghten Rules, so as not to know the nature of the act or that what he was doing was wrong. The case therefore had to be determined on the ordinary principles applicable to cruelty and the court had to see what had happened during the married life of these two persons. Taken by themselves, some of the allegations would fall far short of legal cruelty, but each one seemed to be a symptom of the husband's change of character and so the court had to consider them. In his lordship's opinion the test was, even if the husband's conduct did not amount to actual cruelty, would any reasonable person say that this woman must continue to live with this man as her husband? Putting it another way, was there reasonable apprehension of injury, either physical or mental, to the wife's health in the future? In his lordship's opinion the case of cruelty had been proved and there could be no doubt but that there was clear apprehension of danger to the wife's health in the future. Decree nisi of divorce.

APPEARANCES: *Geoffrey Crispin*, O.C., and *H. B. Figg* (Asher Fishman & Co.); *G. Richard Beddington* (R. H. Marcus, The Law Society, Divorce Department).

[Reported by Miss MARGARET BOOTH, Barrister-at-Law]

HUSBAND AND WIFE: JUSTICES: DISMISSAL OF COMPLAINT: DESIRABILITY OF RECORDING DISMISSAL

Baker v. Baker

Lord Merriman, P., and Lloyd-Jones, J. 2nd June, 1961
Practice direction.

A wife appealed to the Divisional Court from a dismissal by justices of her complaints of persistent cruelty and desertion.

LORD MERRIMAN, P., said that he wished to state, for the future guidance of justices' clerks, that it was desirable, when a complaint heard by justices was dismissed, that the minute of adjudication should be completed to record the fact that the complaint had been dismissed, just as, when a complaint was found proved, that was recorded in the minute of adjudication.

APPEARANCES: *Lady Walsh* (Walter Stein & Grover, Woolwich).

[Reported by D. R. ELLISON, Esq., Barrister-at-Law]

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Company—VOLUNTARY WINDING UP—CONVEYANCE OF LAND TO SHAREHOLDERS IN SPECIE

Q. We act for the liquidator of a private limited company which is in course of voluntary winding up. Freehold land in the company's possession is to be distributed to three shareholders in specie but we cannot put our hands on a suitable precedent. Can you assist, please?

A. There is a precedent in the Encyclopædia of Forms and Precedents, 3rd ed., vol. 5, p. 1065, which provides for conveyance in specie to a preference shareholder, and this can be adapted without difficulty to a case of three (presumably) ordinary shareholders. It should be noted that the liquidator acts as witness to the company's seal, and also executes the deed in his own right.

Company—LIABILITY OF RECEIVER ON CONTRACTS

Q. *A. Ltd.*, agreed to supply to *B. Ltd.*, a supply of raw material, whilst *B. Ltd.*, in turn agreed to hire to *A. Ltd.*, a mechanical loader. Before payment was made by *B. Ltd.*, for any of the raw material supplied and before *B. Ltd.*, had rendered any hiring account for the loader, a receiver of *B. Ltd.*, was appointed. The loader was at the same time withdrawn. The receiver then gave a written undertaking to be responsible for future supplies of raw material and further deliveries were made. The receiver now seeks to set off against the cost of the further deliveries the hiring charges, although these were incurred before he gave his undertaking, and he refuses to pay in full for the cost of the further supplies of raw material. Is he entitled to do this? It will be appreciated that *B. Ltd.*, is likely to be insolvent.

A. Assuming the receiver was appointed out of court, he is personally responsible for the cost of the further supplies, unless the contract otherwise provides (Companies Act, 1948, s. 369 (2)). The position would be the same if he were appointed by the court. In our opinion it follows that he can be made liable for the full price and has no right to set off the hiring account which is due to the company alone. In the liquidation of *B. Ltd.*, the liquidator can no doubt make a claim for the hiring account, and with a view to set-off against this *A. Ltd.*, would be well advised to prefer a claim against *B. Ltd.*, for the earlier supply of material, and also for damages for the withdrawal of the loader if this amounted to a breach of contract.

Easement—LAYING OF PIPES AND DRAINS—PASSAGE OF WATER AND SOIL

Q. Blackacre has a frontage to a public highway. In selling all the rear garden ground of Blackacre, the vendor (in the conveyance to the purchaser) included "as appurtenant to the land thereby conveyed" the right to enter on the land retained by the vendor "to make, lay, repair, cleanse and maintain any

pipes or drains, all damage to the surface thereby occasioned being made good." It will be noted that no passage of water and soil through any such pipes or drains was included in the grant. We have in mind that there was a case in the High Court a year or so ago which established that where a grant similar to that made in this case was present such a grant impliedly included the passage and running of water and soil.

A. You probably have in mind *Armstrong v. Sheppard & Short, Ltd.* [1959] 2 Q.B. 384, but we do not think that it establishes the proposition you state. You may, however, be able to argue that the law implies the grant of what is necessary for the enjoyment of an easement. See, for example, *Central Electricity Generating Board v. Jenkinson* [1959] 1 W.L.R. 937, at p. 944.

Stamp Duty—SALE OF GOODWILL—UNSTAMPED AGREEMENT

Q. A client of ours who was a qualified assistant is purchasing his principal's dental practice. His wife is purchasing the house from which the practice is carried on. The house will be conveyed to the wife in the usual way. The goodwill will be purchased by our client by an agreement under seal. The purchase price for the goodwill is £3,700 and the dental equipment has been agreed at £800. The vendor and purchaser are on friendly terms and the vendor is retiring. The agreement will contain the usual clause prohibiting the vendor practising as a dentist for a period of two years within a distance of five miles. The agreement will also contain the usual certificate as to value under the Finance Act that the transaction thereby effected does not form part of a larger transaction or of a series of transactions in respect of which the amount or value or the aggregate amount or value of the consideration exceeds £4,500. Our client, the purchaser, is unwilling to pay *ad valorem* stamp duty on the value of the goodwill and is content to accept the agreement unstamped and risk the paying of any penalty should ever the occasion arise. It is not proposed to take a formal assignment of the goodwill. As solicitors for the purchaser, and as such being officers of the court, we should be glad to know what our own position is in regard to the matter. Should we insist upon the *ad valorem* stamp duty being paid on the agreement? The purchaser states that he has known of goodwill being purchased without any formal document.

A. With some minor exceptions, the enforcement of stamp duties rests principally on the Stamp Act, 1891, s. 14 (4), which provides, in short, that a document which is charged with stamp duty and is in fact unstamped, shall not be available for any purpose whatever. Accordingly, we think it is your duty as solicitors for the purchaser and as officers of the court to inform your client that if he refuses to stamp the document it is, unless and until stamped under penalty, of no more use than a piece of waste paper. If he accepts that position there is no more you can do about it.

BOOKS RECEIVED

"Taxation" Key to Income Tax and Surtax. Edited by PERCY F. HUGHES. 1961/62. Budget Edition. pp. (with Index) 247. 1961. London: Taxation Publishing Co., Ltd. 12s. 6d. net.

The Law of Road Traffic. Third Edition. By H. R. RUSSELL DAVIES, Ph.D. (Cantab.), LL.M. (Leeds), D.P.A. (Lond.), of the Middle Temple and the North Eastern Circuit, Barrister-at-Law. pp. lxxxii and (with Index) 458. 1961. London: Shaw & Sons, Ltd. £2 10s. net.

The Law of Insurance. By the late SIDNEY PRESTON, of the Middle Temple, Barrister-at-Law, and RAOUL P. COLINVAUX, of Gray's Inn, Barrister-at-Law. Second Edition. pp. lxxxiv and (with Index) 491. 1961. London: Sweet & Maxwell, Ltd. £3 10s. net.

Encyclopedia of Road Traffic Law and Practice. Release No. 2, 13th February, 1961. London: Sweet & Maxwell, Ltd., Edinburgh: W. Green & Son, Ltd. Service issue.

Bell's Sale of Food and Drugs. Thirteenth Edition. Service Volume—Issue No. 4, up to 9th March, 1961. By JOHN A. O'KEEFE, O.B.E., B.Sc. (Econ.), LL.B., of the Middle Temple, Barrister-at-Law. 1961. London: Butterworth & Co. (Publishers), Ltd. £1 12s. 6d. net.

An Introduction to Equity. Fifth Edition. By G. W. KEETON, M.A., LL.D., of Gray's Inn, Barrister-at-Law. With Irish Supplement by L. A. SHERIDAN, LL.B., Ph.D., of Lincoln's Inn, Barrister-at-Law. pp. xlv and (with Index) 400; Supplement: pp. ix and (with Index) 38. 1961. London: Sir Isaac Pitman & Sons, Ltd. £3 15s. net.

NOTES AND NEWS

Obituary

Mr. HERBERT BOOTH, retired solicitor, of Stalybridge, died on 24th May, aged 77. He was admitted in 1910.

Capt. EDWIN PLOMLEY DAVIES, T.D., solicitor, of Rye, town clerk of Winchelsea and clerk to the justices, died on 23rd May, aged 80. He was admitted in 1903.

Mr. ERIC BERTRAM HIBBERT, retired solicitor, of Mansfield, died on 27th May, aged 79. Admitted in 1904, he was president of the Nottinghamshire Law Society in 1954 and a former mayor of Mansfield.

Mr. ARTHUR FRANK SHARMAN, solicitor, of March, Cambridge-shire, died on 22nd May, aged 86. He was admitted in 1897.

Mr. ARTHUR SMART, retired solicitor, of Salisbury, a former town clerk of Salisbury and a clerk of the peace, died on 29th May, aged 75. He was admitted in 1926.

Mr. ALAN PETER THORMAN, solicitor, of Gillingham, Dorset, died on 28th May, aged 41. He was admitted in 1942.

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Mr. WILLIAM PERCIVAL HOWES, retired solicitor, of Northamp-ton, left £35,013 net.

Mr. JOHN ROBERTS, retired solicitor, formerly of London, E.C.1, left £94,929 net.

Mr. JOHN RICHARDS WILLIAMS, solicitor, of Swansea and Llandilo, left £83,915 net.

Mr. GEORGE HENRY WILSON, solicitor, of Glossop, left £90,756 net.

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JUSTICE (the British Section of the International Commission of Jurists) will hold its annual meeting of members on Tuesday, 27th June, at 5.15 p.m. in the Niblett Hall, Inner Temple. This will be followed by a public meeting at 6 p.m. at which Lord Justice Devlin will give an address on "Bringing Criminals to Trial."

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By direction of Mr. Justice Lloyd-Jacob.

W. F. S. HAWKINS,
Chief Master, Chancery Division.

19th May, 1961.

CORRESPONDENCE

(The views expressed by our correspondents are not necessarily those of "The Solicitors' Journal")

Timber

Please sir,—I did not mean, in my article on Tree Preservation Orders, to encourage or condone the thoughtless chopping down of trees.

The evil alluded to by your correspondent, Mr. R. D. Birch, could so easily be avoided if the planning people would first ring up the owner to ascertain whether he would enter into a replanting agreement. If it then appears that the owner has the instincts of a vandal, I will not blame the local authority for putting in motion the complicated process resulting in a Tree Preservation Order. Students of Parkinson's Law would find much to interest them in these proceedings; but I would warn them to watch out for motor cars. With so many officials "visiting the site," traffic is likely to be heavy.

HIGHFIELD.

Points in Practice

Highway—FOOTPATH DEDICATED TO PUBLIC—CONVEYANCE OF
PART

Sir,—With reference to the point in practice headed as above published in your issue of 26th May (p. 471), is not a simpler answer to the problem given that, as the erection of the garage would require planning permission, the adjoining owner, who apparently is owner of the fee simple, should apply for planning permission and on grant thereof seek an extinguishment order under s. 49 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947?

Bath.

R. GEOFFREY LAYCOCK.

[Our contributor writes: I agree that s. 49 of the 1947 Act may be a simpler procedure to follow than that under s. 108 of the Highways Act, 1959, but first the adjoining owner has to obtain planning permission, which may well not be obtainable. Also I understood from the facts as stated in the original query that the adjoining owner was not the owner of the fee simple in the subsoil and that this was either the parish council or X.]

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Town Hall,
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